areas, reduce post-harvest losses, establish productive linkages between industry and farmers, increase exports of processed foods and generally support productive efforts of agriculture and allied activities. This will be finalised after due consultation with all concerned.

Advantage from the Food Processing Policy Plan

1102. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the extent to which indigenous units could take advantage from the Food Processing Policy Plan of the country, the details thereof;

(b) what is the total allocation of funds for the purpose;

(c) whether the allocation sufficient for the plan; and

(d) whether the policy had been suitably updated and modified from time to time to suit indigenous units which are basically in the infancy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Under the various Development Plan Schemes of this Ministry, assistance is available to various organisations for setting up/upgrading food processing facilities, post-harvest infrastructure, refrigerated transport, marketing, training, etc., development of mushrooms and hops processing facilities, development of meat and poultry processing and fish processing units. Assistance extended is in the form of equity/grant/seed capital upto varying percentages of the project cost depending upon the nature of the scheme and project proposal, the type of organisation viability of the project, source of finance, etc.

(b) and (c) The Plan outlay of this Ministry for Eighth Five Year Plan is Rs. 146 crores against the Ministry's original proposal of Rs. 700 crores.

(d) Plan schemes and policies are reviewed from time to time in order to promote development of food processing industries in the country.

Schemes for Food Processing Industries in Assam

1103. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state the number of schemes relating to food processing industries being implemented in Assam, District-wise with the assistance of the Central Government and alongwith the position as at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): Details of the Plan Schemes being implemented in Assam with the assistance from Ministry of Food Processing Industries are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Position
1.	Setting up of a Sheep and Goat Meat Processing Plant at Guwahati by Assam Livestock and Poultry Corpn. Ltd., Guwahati with Goat Breeding Farm.	Feasibility Report prepared. Designs, Plans and estimates of the project including building, equipments and appliances have been completed. Land for the project have been acquired.
2.	Setting up of a Poultry Processing Plant by Assam Livestock and Poultry Corpn. Ltd., at Guwahati.	
3.	Setting up of a Pork Processing Plant by Assam Livestock and Poultry Corpn. Ltd., at Guwahati.	
4.	Scheme relating to strengthening of backward linkages for development of Poultry Processing.	Grant-in-aid released.